

HUISH EPISCOPI PRIMARY NEWS



Aller's mathematicians, Sedgemoor reading to those in Parrett, to all competitors in our Academy Trust Sports Day and Chloe's karate success!

From the Head of School:

What an amazing few weeks topped off by a fabulous Move-Up Morning on Wednesday.

Raising expectations has been a really clear theme over the past few weeks and months driving many of our new initiatives and ongoing activities. We were rewarded on Sports Day with some absolutely fabulous performances not least in the relay races which saw our pupils taking the lion share of the gold medals. Alongside this, our Year 6 Debating Team came first in the CLP schools competition! Being part of a team or group which is successful raises expectations in itself, so I am very hopeful for the remaining few weeks of term and beyond.

Despite the heat, and the school feeling a little empty without our lovely Year 6 children, we have had a fantastic day for Move-Up Morning. The children were purposeful and focused in their new settings with our new staff. Everything from baking to writing letters of introduction ensured that our children settled well. We welcomed some lovely new children into Parrett, Northmoor and Kingsmoor classes who fitted right in. This fills me with great hope that next term will be the best yet.

From today, we are reminding children about the presentation of their books which reflects on the thought and respect we put into our lives more generally. We are encouraging them to take more pride in their work with a reminder about our expectations appropriate to their age. Whilst this may take a few days to embed, our consistency with regards to the basic expectations will allow us to move onto more stimulating and complex content. Our amazing children will be able to present their books to visitors confident that they are amongst the best they will have seen.

Once again, I offer my thanks for the support visitors, parents and carers have shown towards my staff, the school and me during a busy period.

(Mrs Doughty Davis)

Staff News

We can now say **congratulations** to **Miss Cardwell** as baby Felix arrived on Saturday weighing 7lb 7oz!



In further staff news, **Mr Welch** has decided to leave us to take some time to regain his full health so we wish him well. Sadly, **Mrs Ramsay** will be leaving us to spend more time in the classroom at her other school but we are pleased to announce that **Mrs Daymond** will be taking on the SENCO role. Congratulations go to **Miss Whelan** who has secured a job as a paediatric community nurse. We will be sad to see her leave at the end of term along with **Mrs Thompson** and wish them well. **Mr Driver** will be also be leaving to work on a project; possibly more news to follow! Whilst we are not expecting **Mr Stevens** to return before Christmas, I am so very pleased to announce that **Mrs Morgan** will be staying with us in Sedgemoor for three days a week from September.

Pupil News

Well done to Chloe (Kingsmoor) who has achieved her brown belt in karate. Congratulations Chloe!

School News

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: This year's Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Thursday, 19 July 2018 at 2.30pm in the School Hall. The top gate will be opened shortly before. We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents/carers. (Apologies that this was missed off the last newsletter.)

Reading/Library Book Amnesty: As we are coming closer to the end of the academic year and Summer holidays, please could I ask parents to check their children's bookshelves at home for reading books that belong to the school? We are currently doing an audit and **would like books to be returned as soon as possible**. Many thanks for your support in this. (Miss Chadbourne)

KS2 Show—"Darwin Rocks!": KS2 have been practising 'Darwin Rocks!' which is our KS2 show this year. A letter went home on Tuesday to all children in Northmoor, Isle and Kingsmoor. Please ensure you send it back with your request for free tickets by Monday, to avoid disappointment. It looks like it will be a fantastic show! (Miss Chadbourne)

School Council: The School Council have a big job on their hands before the end of the term. We are in the process of designing a fair, voting system to elect the School Councillors ready for next year! A handing over parade will take place. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their additional time and their willingness to make a difference. They have been very dedicated! Well done to all the School Councillors. (Miss Walker)

Class News

Aller Class News

Aller Class really enjoyed Sports Day and excelled in all their sporting areas! I was very impressed indeed. Whilst it was very hot, the children behaved really well and put a lot of effort into their events. Well done



Aller! We would also like to thank Mr Nott for joining us for the day and ensuring our children were safe and happy - a huge thank you!



In class, we have been learning how to interpret one and two step problems using multiplication and arrays. We are also beginning to talk about our transition in to new year groups and what it means for each of us, how we feel about it, what we have achieved and what we still need to continue to achieve.



A big thank you to all the parents who came to



Aller's 'Stay and Learn' Problem Solving Session last week. I hope you found it enjoyable and that you will be able to use some problem solving strategies to support your child. Please let me know if you would like any more resources or try the website: <https://nrich.maths.org/10334>



(Miss Walker)

Sedgemoor Class News

Sedgemoor Class has been very busy. In English, the children wrote their own traditional story to share and read to children in Parrett Class. On a

warm Wednesday afternoon it was wonderful to watch the children share their writing with the younger children and to see the pride on their faces. In Maths, we have been practising our time telling skills on an analogue clock. The children had already grasped an understanding of o'clock and half past, so the next step was to understand quarter past and quarter to and begin to tell the time to the five minute intervals. The Science topic is habitats and the children enjoyed spending time in the pond area observing and recording different creatures. The dragonfly nymph laying eggs in the pond certainly claimed the children's fascinated attention!



(Mrs Morgan)

Northmoor Class News

On Monday, 25 June, Northmoor Class had a fabulous day in Wells. In the morning, we had a unique opportunity to listen to and watch a live rehearsal by the Wells Cathedral School's orchestra of 'The Planets Suite' by Gustav Holst. The children were enthralled by the experience, especially when the orchestra played 'Jupiter' - one of the pieces we have been learning about in our Music lessons. Their powers of observation were working overtime and they noticed lots of detail by watching the orchestra closely. Some of the points they made afterwards were that the percussionists played more than one instrument; the instruments came in at different times during the music; the musicians had to listen to the conductor and do what he told them; the musicians turned the pages of the music really quickly and so on!

After a picnic in the shade on the Cathedral green, the children then completed a rock survey sheet looking at how rocks are used in buildings and finally did some observational drawings of parts of the cathedral. It was a very successful visit in support of the children's learning. (Mrs Spencer)

Isle Class News

Isle Class have been formulating questions to ask characters from the 'Iron Man' story. They had to become characters from the story and answer some tricky questions, which they all managed to do!



Brass Musical Concert: Isle Class put on a fantastic brass concert to the whole school and parents/carers. They performed five pieces which ended with 'I feel good' by James Brown. Everyone was tapping along to the music. The whole class had the opportunity to learn a brass instrument and

they ALL fully engaged with the lessons provided by Mr Keith Thomas, Somerset Music. (Mr Clements)



Kingsmoor Class News

This week in Kingsmoor we have been finishing our unit of work on Macbeth. We had some fantastic letters, reports and storyboards.

In addition, the children have been practising for the KS2 show; it is starting to come together and the performances from the children are brilliant.

Kingsmoor have made the most of the opening of Huish Leisure swimming pool, by squeezing four sessions of lessons in before we break up. Parents will be receiving a refund for the sessions we were not able to use.

This Friday, the class went on a school trip to Glastonbury Abbey as part of our topic on Glastonbury and King Arthur. We learnt all about the Abbot's Kitchen and the food the medieval monks would have eaten. The children had great fun creating their own illuminations using quills and ink; they got to meet the legendary King Arthur and listened to stories and tales about his life.

PSHE (Sex Education) –Years 5 & 6: A letter was sent earlier this week to Year 5 & 6 parents/carers giving details about the Sex Education element of the Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) syllabus (to be taught in school on 12 July 2018). Please ensure all permission slips are returned by Wednesday, 11 July – thank you. (Miss Chadbourne)

Good homes required!: We are having a clear-out at school in preparation for next year. After school on Monday, a table will be set up outside the hall with items you are free to take home. There may be books and some stationary items we no longer require. Please bring a carrier bag and take anything you like. If we can't get rid of it, it will go to charity or into the skip. (Miss Chadbourne)

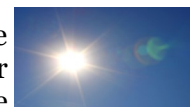
Safeguarding & Health News

Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Many of you are aware that we have had many children off school this week suffering from a sickness bug. We keep in close contact with the local doctors' surgery and as stated in our First Aid and Medical Policy (March 2018) (available on school website), *"if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions*

will not be expected back into school until 48 hours after the last symptom has elapsed".

As stated by Public Health England, diarrhoea and vomiting can have many different causes (including medical conditions, side effects of medications, excessive sun etc) but the cause will be assumed to be an infection until known otherwise. An infection in the gut causing diarrhoea and vomiting (gastroenteritis) can be easily passed to others. Anyone with gastroenteritis should be regarded as very infectious and must be kept away from school until the diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped and they have been passing normal stools for at least 48 hours. We would ask all our parents/carers to follow this advice and support our staff in encouraging basic hygiene measures (eg hand washing). Thank you.

It's Hot, Hot, Hot!: The Met Office is predicting the hot weather continuing. Make sure you are prepared for the hot weather and take measures to keep yourselves cool, hydrated and protected from the sun. These include trying to minimise the time you are out in full sunlight between 11.00am and 3.00pm; wearing hats and sunglasses; drinking plenty of cold fluids (eg water); applying sun lotion etc. Please apply sun lotion to your child before they come to school as, under school policy, staff are unable to do so. If you wish to come into school during the day to re-apply sun cream to your child, you are welcome to do so (please note break time is 10.40am-11.00am and lunchtime is 12.30pm-1.25pm). Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat and water bottle in school. Thank you.



After School Clubs

Art Club: In Art Club we have been exploring different ways to create a masterpiece! We have been making the most of the lovely weather and have explored shadow drawing. (Miss Walker)

Sports News

Academy Trust Sports Day:

Firstly, thank you to all the parents/carers who came to Yeovil Athletics Arena to support the annual Academy Trust Sports Day last Friday. I hope you all agree that it was a fantastic day. The children performed so well, challenging themselves and congratulating each other on brilliant performances which was lovely to hear. The day finished with some very exciting relay racing which our teams excelled in!



Cricket Match

The Cricket Team played a friendly match against King Ina Primary School. There was some great batting and fielding skills demonstrated in an exciting game which both teams really enjoyed playing. On this occasion they lost by a few runs but ALL showed great sporting values.



Swimming

Kingsmoor Class have started their swimming lessons in the newly covered swimming pool at Huish Leisure Centre. The children responded well to their groupings and after only two sessions have already made visible progress. Well done Kingsmoor!

(Mrs Ramwell)

PFA News & Diary Dates:

Year 6 CampOut: Friday, 13 July.

Contact Emma Cook: emmamark34@hotmail.co.uk or 07927 398277. Visit their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/884897964932912/>

Community Notices

Fostering in Somerset

Could you make a child feel like they belong? 'Fostering in Somerset' is looking for foster carers in Somerset right now, to offer stable, nurturing homes to make a real difference to children's lives.

They help through tough times and give the support they need to achieve their potential. To be a foster carer you need the enthusiasm to help turn a child or young person's life around, a spare room, be over 21 (no upper age limit), can be single and your gender or sexual orientation does not matter. There are nearly 500 children in care who need safe and stable homes. Could you offer a child that foster home? You will receive a competitive fee, great training, support and extra rewards. Call 0800 587 9900 or visit www.fosteradoptsomerset.org.uk for details of their information evenings.



Levels Scout Group

The Levels Scout Group, based in Langport, currently has spaces in both their Beaver Colonies and Cub Packs. Beavers, for boys and girls aged 6-8, meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Cubs meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm for boys and girls aged 8 - 10½. To secure a place for September, or for more information, please contact our Group Scout Leader, James, on 07702 183322.

GingerFred Summer Theatre Schools:

SAFEGUARDING

**Don't think
"What if I'm wrong"
Think...
"What if I am right"**

If you have any concerns about a pupil you should report this to a member of staff immediately.

If you feel a pupil is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads immediately.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Mrs Tiffany Doughty Davis (photo R)
Deputy DSL:
Mrs Joan Meredith (photo L)



**Safeguarding & Child Protection
Governor:**
Mrs Lou Ward

Diary Dates: (Updates in red)

Monday, 9 July: Aller Class Trip to Gore Farm, Trent.

Monday, 9 July: Singing Festival, McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater; 1.00pm-8.15pm.

w/c 9 July: Pupils' Reports to Parents by end of the week.

Thursday, 12 July: Northmoor Trip to Charmouth Heritage Centre.

Thursday, 12 July: Play Sessions for new Reception (Sept 2018) pupils; 1.45pm-3.00pm.

Thursday, 12 July: Assembly—Summer Reading Challenge, Langport Library.

Friday, 13 July: PFA Year 6 Campout; School Field; overnight.

Monday, 16 July: Charcoal Drawing Workshop (Northmoor Class) with artist, Kate Lynch, for LangFest18 display.

Monday, 16 July: Northmoor's Rock and Fossil Museum open to visitors (parents etc); 3.10pm-3.30pm.

Monday, 16 July: Parents' Open Evening (re Pupils' Reports); 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Tuesday, 17 July: Year 6 Show; 2.00pm-3.30pm; parents welcome.

Wednesday, 18 July: Years 6 Show; 6.00pm-7.30pm; parents welcome.

Thursday, 19 July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly; 2.30pm; School Hall; Year 6 parents/carers welcome.

Friday, 20 July: Whole School Celebration Assembly; 2.00pm-3.30pm.

Friday, 20 July: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Monday, 23 July & Tuesday, 24 July: INSET Days—No children in school please!

Celebration Assemblies:

Parents/Carers invited: (top gate will be open)

13 July: Aller @ 3.00pm.

Thurs 19 July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 2.30pm.

20 July: Whole School Celebration Assembly @ 2.00pm.

Autumn Term 2018:

Monday, 3 September: INSET Day—No children in school please!

Tuesday, 4 September: AUTUMN TERM STARTS.

w/c 29 October: Half Term

Monday, 5 November: INSET Day—No children in school please!

Friday, 21 December: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Term Dates 2019:

Monday, 7 January 2019: Term Starts.

Friday, 15 February 2019: INSET Day—No children in school please!

w/c 18 February 2019: Half Term.

Friday, 5 April 2019: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Tuesday, 23 April 2019: Term Starts.

Monday, 6 May 2019: Bank Holiday

w/c 27 May 2019: Half Term.

Friday, 19 July 2019: Term Ends at 3.30pm.

Sports Match Dates 2018:**Summer Term:**

Tuesday, 17 July: CLP Rounders Tournament; Huish Academy; 4.00pm-6.00pm.

After School Clubs:

Mondays (second half of term): Chess (Yrs 1-6) with Mr Clements (lunchtime); **Outdoor Adventure Activities** (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Tuesdays (second half of term): Cricket (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Wednesdays (all term): Athletics (R&KS1) with Premier Sports (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Thursdays (second half of term): Rounders (KS2) with Mrs Ramwell (3.30pm-4.30pm).

Fridays (lunchtime): Art (R&KS1) with Miss Walker.

There are not any After School Clubs on a Friday.

Homework Club: Runs Mon-Wed from 3.30pm-4.30pm and is by invitation only. Please speak to your child's teacher.



More photos from the Levels Academy Trust Sports Day

Kingsmoor Swimming Dates

Tuesday, 10 July &
Wednesday, 11 July

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20 July

School Meals Menu Weeks:

Week 1: w/c 9 July

Week 2: w/c 16 July

Week 3: n/a



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The Levels Academy Trust

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